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It is in no doubt that Microsoft is a very strong monopoly. But the terms of the settlement for their actions as such leave much to be desired. In essence, to the common man, it is like being caught robbing a bank, being told not to do it again, and then let off the hook. These actions cannot go unpunished. Microsoft continues to strong arm consumers even to this day. If I ask to buy a Dell computer with no OS on it, I still have to pay for a Microsoft OS license even though I do not get one. If I ask for Mozilla, Opera, or Netscape web browser to be installed instead of Internet Explorer, I cannot get those choices. In the home PC market where MS holds 95% of the OS market, I am not allowed a choice. When a choice does appear, i.e. using DR-DOS 7 or Linux, Microsoft refuses to allow a large amount of software to run on it. Between Windows, Office, and Internet Explorer, I am forced to stay with MS because of my lack of choice elsewhere. Please do something that is more applicable to this situation. The punishment should fit the crime.

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